

I am the good Shepherd.

John 10:11

# The Shepherd

I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP. John 10:7.

The good Shepherd giveth  
his life for the sheep.

10:11

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Pastor A. E. HANSON, of Brookings, South Dakota, International Young People's Luther League President, and guest speaker at Canada District Luther League Convention, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, July 16-19, 1942. Welcome to our District, Pastor Hanson! —V.

## Onward Christian Soldiers

Onward Christian Soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before:  
Christ, the Royal Master,  
Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle,  
See, His banners go.

*Chorus: Onward Christian Soldiers  
Marching as to war,  
With the Cross of Jesus  
Going on before.*

Like a mighty army  
Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading  
Where the saints have trod;  
We are not divided  
All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish  
Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus  
Constant will remain;  
Gates of hell can never  
'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise,  
And that cannot fail.

Onward, then, ye people,  
Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song;  
Glory, laud, and honor  
Unto Christ, the King;  
This thro' countless ages  
Men and angels sing.

The race advances only by the extra achievements of the individual. You are the individual. —Towne.

The yoke was invented to carry burdens more easily. Christ's yoke is not an addition; it is a subtraction. By taking it on our shoulders, a burden we could hardly lift seems light. It is not a yoke of subjugation. It is a yoke of freedom.  
—The Christian Index.

"If you are liked by everybody, you ought to write yourself down as a failure and start all over again. It isn't possible to have ideas of any importance, convictions, or courage, and be liked by everybody. To say that a man is universally popular is to condemn him in the eyes of the intelligent." —Pittsburgh Gazette.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE DISTRICT CONVENTION, SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN, July 16-19, 1942

Theme: "Onward Christian Soldiers"  
Convention Text: Ephesians 6: 10-18.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 5:00 P.M. Prayer Session, Leader Henry Haugen  
7:30 P.M. Welcome by Local League — Myrtle Engelstad.  
Greetings — District President, A. M. Vinge.  
Address by Guest Speaker, Pastor A. E. Hanson.

### FRIDAY

- Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 A.M. Bible Study — Pastor G. O. Evenson.  
10:00 A.M. Panel "Christ Our Leader" — Group Leader Pastor J. Precht.  
His Person (Divine Saviour) — Harold Dalen.  
His Authority (Mark 4-5) — Marie Heggstad.  
His Message (John 10:10) — Osborne Olsen.  
His Army — Ruth MacFarlane.  
2:00 P.M. Bible Study — Pastor G. O. Evenson.  
2:30 P.M. Panel "The Armour" — Group Leader, Pastor J. Haave.  
"Truth and Righteousness" — Edwin Marken.  
"Faith and Peace" — Dagmar Kvalnes.  
"Salvation"

- Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 P.M. Theme: "The Enemy We Face" — Pastor A. E. Hanson.

### SATURDAY

- 9:30 A.M. Bible Study — Pastor G. O. Evenson.  
10:00 A.M. Canada District Y. P. L. L. Business Session.  
2:00 P.M. Bible Study — Pastor G. O. Evenson.  
2:30 P.M. Convention Outing.

- Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 P.M. Theme: "The Spiritual Warfare" — Pastor A. E. Hanson.

### SUNDAY

- 9:00 A.M. Communion Service.  
Confessional Address, Pastor J. Selmer Stolee.  
10:00 A.M. Divine Service.  
Liturgy — Pastor B. O. Lokensgard.  
Sermon — Pastor A. E. Hanson, International Luther League President. Theme: "More Than Conquerors".  
Convention Offering.  
2:30 P.M. Choral Union Concert.  
Director Oscar E. Mossing  
Speaker — Dr. Iver Iversen, President Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service — Pastor P. Lerseth.

Accommodation will be available in Saskatoon for all delegates attending the District Luther League Convention July 16th to 19th, at the lowest possible cost.

The man of genuine character keeps cool when praised and equally cool when condemned.

When you have sinned, read I John 1, St. John 3:1-21, Isaiah 53, and make Psalms 51 your prayer.

"A young man once found a five-dollar bill on the street," says William Feather, a well-known writer. "From that time on he never lifted his eyes when walking. In the course of years he accumulated 29,516 buttons, 54,172 pins, 12 cents, a bent back, and a miserly disposition. He lost the glory of the sunlight, the sheen of stars, the smiles of friends, tree-blossoms in the spring, the blue of skies, and the entire joy of living"...

## Choral Union Reminder

The time of our convention is now very near. We hope that many are preparing to come. Let us not forget our massed choir songs. These were announced by the Secretary in February. A reminder by the president appeared in the first April number of the Shepherd. Since that many young people have joined in the services of the country. It is therefore the more urgent that all who can sing may come. Besides the Concert, numbers during the sessions will also be required.

Let us give thanks to God that we again have the privilege of meeting in convention.

—Oscar E. Mossing.



Pastor I. J. Saugen of Calgary, Alberta has been called to serve as chaplain in the Canadian Army. He will leave to take up this new duties in this capacity, July 11, 1942. He will be stationed at Vancouver, B. C.

We take this occasion to wish Pastor Saugen much blessing in his important calling. —V.

## God Bless Our Lads

"God bless our lads" in air, on land, and sea!

Full well we know how dear they are to Thee.

Where'er they go, whatever they may dare,  
God ever keep them in Thy gracious care.

"God guard our lads" by night as well as day,

For we, at home for them will ever pray  
That war and strife and enmity may cease,  
And Thou wilt send us Everlasting Peace.

"God guard our lads," oh keep them ever near!

Make strong their faith and drive out all their fear;

Give them a vision of Thy saving love,  
That nothing in this world can ever move.

"God guard our lads", and though just now they roam,

Grant us our prayers and bring them safely home.

"God bless our foes" and cause their eyes to see,

That peace, alone, can only come from Thee.

E. SPARROW, Cardiff, England  
(May be sung to "Abide With Me")

## My Prayer for Jim

By Joseph M. Dando

A Father's Prayer for His Son  
in the Service

O Lord, watch over him  
And though his nerve  
Is one of strongest steel,  
And once his course is set  
He will not swerve,  
Somehow tonight I feel  
That son of mine needs all  
The strength that he can get,  
Strength of will and soul  
To face whatever task may fall  
Upon his youthful, yet so  
Tender, manly shoulders.

O Lord, what battlefield  
Be his when comes the break  
Of dawn, I pray when that day  
Is done I shall somehow know  
That he faltered not,  
That through the darkness  
He kept the faith, and so  
Remained a loyal and worthy son  
And guardian of the right.  
So Lord, watch over him.  
For I'm so proud of Jim tonight;  
Yes, Lord, Thy blessing on my Jim.  
—From The Lutheran.



## The SHEPHERD — HYRDEN

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The Fifteenth General Convention, the Silver Jubilee Convention of our Church was held June 9—14 at Minneapolis. This convention was held in a world of stress and strife. A sense of deep seriousness pervaded the sessions, yet there was the optimism of faith. One realized more than ever the great privilege of serving in the church in a world desperately needing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In spite of travel difficulties the convention membership rose to a total of 1125. Of this number 579 were pastors, 457 delegates, and 89 Advisory members.

The attendance from Canada was less this year. Compared with the convention two years ago the results are as follows:  
1940—Pastors 22, Delegates 4;  
1942—Pastors 11, Delegates 3, Advisory 1.

That we are at war was evident. On the trains enroute and in the convention city the military was in evidence. Several of the chaplains from our church mingled with the conventioners. We note from the President's Message that we now have 28 chaplains in our church. In addition to this there are 210 chaplains from other Lutheran synods. Then too, numerous service centers have been established under the charge of capable laymen and pastors. There centers render efficient and helpful service.

We congratulate Pastor I. J. Saugen in his service as chaplain! We believe that he is eminently fitted for this work. May he be upheld in prayer by the members of our church!

The Young People of our church will be gathered in Bible Camps and Conventions when this issue of the Shepherd is off the press. To them we bring greetings. It is the prayer of those who truly love youth, that their young lives may be burning and shining lights for our Lord Jesus Christ. May the District Y.P.L.L. Convention theme "Onward Christian Soldiers" be experimentally demonstrated in the lives of the youth or our church. —V.

## IT IS NOT EASY

To apologize,  
To begin over,  
To be unselfish,  
To take advice,  
To admit error,  
To face a sneer,  
To be charitable,  
To keep on trying,  
To be considerate,  
To avoid mistakes,  
To endure success,  
To profit by mistakes,  
To forgive and forget,  
To think and then act,  
To keep out of the rut,  
To make the best of little,  
To subdue an unruly temper,  
To maintain a high standard,  
To shoulder a deserved blame,  
To recognize the silver lining —  
But it always pays.

—Ohio Educational Monthly.

## CANADA DISTRICT

Canada District meeting was convened on Friday evening, June 12, 1942, in Old Central. There were present ten pastors, three lay delegates and one advisory member.

Meeting was opened by singing of hymn No. 12. The Rev. J. R. Lavik conducted devotion, reading John 15: 1—8.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Iver Iversen, district president. Dr. Iversen gave a brief report on the work and progress of the past year.

It was moved that we extend a sincere welcome to Rev. R. C. Storsteen, Rev. J. A. Korshavn and Rev. G. Aarestad, who have recently moved into the district. Seconded and carried.

It was moved that the recently ordained pastors, Rev. Josef B. Haave, Erik Haave, Sigmund Bue, Lars Knudson, Marvin Odland; and Candidates John R. Groettum and Milton S. Johnson be admitted to the ministry of our district. Seconded and carried.

It was moved that we admit and welcome Rev. H. A. Strand, who comes to our church from the Manitoba Synod of the United Lutheran Church. Seconded and carried.

The result of elections to vacancies on the various boards was as follows:

1. Board of Trustees:

Rev. K. A. Knutson was nominated to succeed himself for a term of three years.

It was moved and seconded that rules be suspended and that the secretary be authorized to cast the ballot for Mr. Knutson. Carried.

The secretary cast the ballot for Rev. K. A. Knutson as member of the Board of Trustees for a term of three years.

Rev. K. A. Knutson elected.

Mr. Oscar Likness of Irma, Alta., was nominated.

Following the same procedure, the secretary cast the ballot for Mr. Oscar Likness as member of the Board of Trustees for a term of three years.

Mr. Likness was elected.

2. Board of Education:

Prof. C. A. Ronning was re-elected for a term of three years.

Rev. A. H. Solheim was elected for a term of three years.

3. Board of Management of Outlook College:

Mr. Odin Berg was re-elected for a term of three years.

Rev. K. Bergsagel was re-elected for a term of three years.

4. Board of Parish Education:

Rev. M. S. Johnson, Edmonton, Alta., was elected to fill the vacancy created when Rev. C. S. Lystig moved from the district.

5. Board of Home Missions:

Rev. A. Tveit, Admiral, Sask., was elected to the board for a term of three years.

6. Board of Charities:

It was moved that Mr. K. O. Eggen be re-elected for a term of three years. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Eggen was elected.

Rev. J. B. Stolee was re-elected for a term of three years.

It was moved that the previous election of Rev. K. O. Kandal to this board be approved. Seconded and carried.

7. Board of Management for "The Shepherd":

It was moved that Rev. A. M. Vinge, Ryley, Alta., be elected as Editor Seconded and carried.

It was moved that Rev. Josef Haave, Rose Valley, Sask., be re-elected as business manager. Seconded and carried.

8. Board of Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute:

Rev. H. F. Johnson was elected for a term of three years.

Mr. P. Frostad was elected for a term of three years.

Rev. K. O. Kandal reported on behalf of the Committee on Evangelist. Efforts will be continued to secure the services of an evangelist from time to time. Many congregations have expressed a desire for such work.

It was moved and seconded that the personnel of this committee remain as before. Carried.

It was moved that a committee, consisting of Prof. C. A. Ronning, Dr. Iver Iversen and the secretary of the district, be instructed to draw up a resolution with regard to the liquor situation in Canada. Seconded and carried.

It was moved that our sincere greetings be sent by letter to Rev. J. P. Tandberg, Rev. O. J. Marken, Mr. P. B. Anderson and Barbara Finseth. Also letter of sympathy to Mrs. O. L. Falkeid and Mrs. T. T. Jevne in their bereavement. Seconded and carried.

Moved to adjourn. Seconded and carried.

Lord's Prayer in unison.

B. O. LOKENSGARD, Secretary.

## Urland Church

June seventh was a festive and in the New Urland Church south of Battleford, Rev. John Precht's parish. The occasion was confirmation.

Members of the class were Richard Earl Wickstrand, Nora Margrete, Doris Unni Aneta, and Sophia Janetta Leite, Kathleen Aina Sophia, and Cecelia Lorenca Alm.

The oral examination was held on Friday evening in the presence of many relatives and friends.

On Sunday morning the New Church witnessed its largest congregation so far, when these six young people confessed their Christian faith in the service of confirmation. In the sermon the young were impressively reminded that God would have this day to be the beginning of a new chapter in life for them. This was to be the beginning of a closer walk with God.

The ladies aid served dinner in the basement.

In the afternoon several partook of Holy Communion together with the newly confirmed. Three numbers were rendered by the choir, and one number by the girls of the confirmation class.

May it ever be remembered as a day of real spiritual blessing for these young people and for us all.

Mrs. Elling Weum.

## Bawlf, 4de Juni, 1942

Sender herved en dollar til Hyrden til minde om Pastor Falkeid som døde i Mai.

Mr. og Mrs. Harald Olsen.

Dette skriver jeg Eder til, for at ikke skal synde, og dersom nogen synder har vi en Talsmann hos Faderen, Jesus Kristus, Den Retferdige... I. Joh. 1-2.

Nogele vil maa ske sige: Jeg tror vistnok at Gud tager imod Syndere, som kommer til ham, jeg tror han gjør dem til sine, af fri uforskyld Naade; det er godt og vel, jeg tror alt dette, men saa har jeg syndet efterat jeg blev en Kristen. Er der en mand eller kvinde paa den vide jord, som ikke har syndet, siden han eller hun blev en kristen? Ikke en. Aldrig har der været og aldrig vil der blive en Sjel paa denne Jord som ikke har syndet eller Kommer til at synde i deres Kristelige Prøvetid. Men Gud har taget forholdsregler imod de troendes synder. Vi kunde ikke tage forholdsregler imod dem, men Gud har kunnet.

Vend eder til I. Joh. 2, 1v. Mine Børn! dette skriver jeg Eder til for at i ikke skal synde; og dersom nogen synder, har vi en talsman hos Faderen Jesus Kristus, den Retferdige." Han skriver her til de retferdige "Dersom nogen synder, har vi, "har vi" Johannes regner sig selv—en talsman hos Faderen, Jesus Kristus, den Retferdige." O, hvilken Talsman hos Faderen. Han varetager vare interesser paa det beste av alle steder "ved Guds Throne." Han sagde, "Jeg siger eder sanheden: det er Eder gavnligt at jeg gaar bort," Joh. 16-7. Han gik bort at vere vor yppersteprest og tillege vor Talsman. Han har havt vanskelige saker at føre, men han har ikke tabt nogen, og vis i betror eders udødelige intresser til ham, saa vil han fremstille eder i Herlighed, ustraffelige i fryd. Juda 24.

Ennu er hjelp at faa,  
For angerfulle hjerter,  
Ennu er Gud at naa,  
Og legedom for smerter.  
En hører du hans ord  
Og ser hans hjerte lag  
Ennu er naaden stor,  
Nu heter det i Dag.

Der er en liten Stund,  
Saa lukkes Himlens døre  
Betenk de tusen Pund,  
Guds naades røst du høre!  
Den vinker milt dig ind  
I Jesu Favnetak  
Men skynd dig som en Hind  
Nu heter det idag.

Som først ved Moders Barm,  
Tilfreds sig barnet giver  
Saa i Guds naades arm.  
Først hjertet stille bliver  
Hvor er det godt hos Gud,  
Kom hjerte snart og tag,  
Mod naadens søde bud,  
I Dag, i Dag, i Dag;

Insent av,  
N. Fjeldheim, Camrose.

## Mrs. Carl Akre hensovet

Mrs. Carl Akre døde i Lamont Hospitalet den 30te Mai efter to maaneders sykeleie. Hun fik slag den 30te mars og blev lam paa hoire side. To uger før sin død fik hun et andet slag, og kunde ikke snakke eller røre sig. Datteren Gladys var ved hendes side de sidste to uger.

Hun efterlader sig en sørgende egtfelle og tre barn, Gladys i Stettler, Kenneth i Turner Valley, og (Olive) Mrs. Winnick i Vegreville. Hun blev lagt til hvile paa Stettler's gravlund, og en stor skare av slekt og venner møtte op for at vise den sidste ere. Der var en mengde vakre blomster.

Velsignet vere hendes minde,  
En ven

## Undersøk dine meninger

Det er bra aa holde fast paa sine meninger om de er riktige; men er de uriktige, er det best aa gi dem op saa snart som mulig. Det kan komme forferdelige følger av haardnakket aa holde fast paa det en bare tror er rett, men i virkeligheten er urett. Derfor, undersøk dine meninger!  
K. S. Holter.

La oss tale saaledes om Herren at andre maa komme til aa tenke godt om ham.

## Correction

1941 Budget Ingathering

\$20.00 credited to Zion Ev. L., Saskatoon, Rev. B. O. Lokensgaard, Saskatoon Circuit, should have been credited to Queenstown congregation of the Southern Alberta Circuit (formerly Medicine Hat) served by Rev. Raymond O. Olson.

—A. J. Bergsaker.



Jeg er den gode Hyrde.

Joh. 10:11

THE SHEPHERD

# Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE. Joh. 10:7.

Den gode Hyrde setter sit

liv til for faarene.

Joh. 10:11

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Første Nr. i Juli, 1942.

## 5. søndag efter trefoldighet.

### VEKKELSE

Joh. 1, 35—52.

Av sogneprest Lars Tangvik,  
Leksvik.

En kristelig vekkelse mottas forskjellig. Mange gleder sig naar det blir vekkelse. De stunder efter vekkelse og ber inderlig til Gud at han maa sende den.

Andre tar det helt motsatt. De blir i slett lune bare de hører ordet nevnt og stiller sig fiendtlig mot "vekkelsen." "Ut av mitt hus," sa nylig en frue til sin svigersønn som var blitt vakt.

Andre igjen stiller sig mer likegyldig. De mener aa være best tjent med aa holde sig langt unda all vekkelse, men lar ellers de vakte i fred.

Jeg undres paa hvordan du stiller dig? For min del mener jeg at den rette stilling maa være aapenhet og velvilje overfor den aandelige kjennsgjerning som heter vekkelse. Naar vi ser bort fra alle utvekster og misgrep som menneskene lager ved en vekkelse, saa er det jo intet annet som skjer enn at et menneske som har sovnet av i sitt Gudsforhold igjen kommer til sig selv og finner tilbake til sin himmelske far. Hvordan kan det menneskes kristendom være som blir i daarlig humør ved aa se dette skje?

Maa ikke enhver som selv har faatt en gnist av Guds eget liv i sitt hjerte bare glede sig over hver den som vaakner og staar op fra de døde saa Kristus faar lyse for ham?

Dagens evangelium forteller om vekkelse og har meget aa si til alle vakte.

"Se der Guds lam," lyder Johannes' korte men innholdsrike preken. Den vakte er tilbøielig til aa se paa sig selv. Jo mer vaaken han er dess mer uutholdelig blir det syn i lengden. Hvor ganske anderledes blir det ikke naar en faar lykke til aa se paa Jesus, lammet som ogsaa bærer min synd. "Da lettes byrden, da letner taaken, da faller stenen fra hjertet." Paa Jesus skal synden ligge, den gamle gjeld og den synd som ennu henger saa fast ved oss.

Til den vaakne nytter det ogsaa aa si: Kom og se! Kristendom er noe synlig. Evangeliet er nok en hemmelighet, men en hemmelighet Gud ønsker aa apenbare for den enkelte som vil komme og se.

Der er nok av drømmende, søvnige kristne som intet eller iallfall lite ser av Jesu herlighet, og som derfor lever et personlig fattig kristenliv. A, hvor lett vi synkerveres! Men allikevel utgaar ogsaa idag innbydelser: Kom og se!

Uten personlige erfaringer og opplevelser vil troen i lengden ikke kunne holdes frisk. Gud har et stort forraadskammer og han har over dette satt denne overskrift: Be, og I skal faa. Let, saa skal I finne. Bank paa, saa skal det lukkes op.

Johannes lette — og fant. "Vi har funnet Messias." Kristendom er nok stadig aa søke, aa jage mot maalet, men det er ogsaa aa finne. Ikke det ubestemte: "Jeg haaper da det," men "nu har jeg funnet det jeg grunner mitt salighetens anker paa." Tro er full visshet og overbevisning.

Bare den overbeviste troende kann føre vekkelsen videre. Apostelen Andreas er en dunkelt tegnet person i evangeliene, men han hadde funnet Kristus, og derfor kunde han med frimodighet føre sin bror Simon til ham.

Vekkelsen frembringer nemlig ogsaa lysten til aa vinne andre. Saa lenge den trang er levende i de troendes krets kan vi si der er vekkelse. Det kan komme tørre tider da en maa tro uten aa se, men saa lar ig-

## BARNA OG FREMTIDEN

Ja, men det er vel ikke saa nøie, al ting har en utvei! Lad os stanse her. I denne vor mere end rastløse tid som utmerker sig ved en tiltagende opplysning gjelder det mer en nogensinde at barna faar en sedelig og religiøs oppdragelse. Naar vi ser paa hvordan mange foreldre tar det likegyldig med at opdra sine barn, er det paa sin plass at skrive et ord.

Vil bare nevne den usunde, ødeleggende, og usedelige bokflom som oversvømmer vort land. Og naar vi ser hvorledes barna sluker det da er det ikke med store forhaabninger vi kan se landets fremtid imøte. Søndagsskoler holdes i alle kirkesamfund me er alle av real indhold? Derom har jeg min ringe tvil. Men der er en rastløs utbredelse av anti-religiøs lere i vort land. Det skulde vekke foreldrenes omsorg for barnas fremtid.

Barnesindet er mottagelig for alt baade av godt og ondt. Derfor er oppdragelsen for en stor del grundlaget for den senere utvikling. Det gjelder at bevare barnas rene hu. Vi burde vekke det rene og skjønn hos barna, og vaake over barnas interesser. Vi burde advare dem om hvor skadelig en indflydelse daarlige bøker og daarlig omgangskreds har. En religiøs oppdragelse skulde vere den første pligt, ti religionen har en uanet høi indflydelse paa det unge sind. Og faar barnet vite at et høiere vesen er til, vil dette skape en paa sin plass hellig frygt.

Fortel barnet om Guds søn Jesus Kristus som var serskilt glad i barn. Fortel dem at Jesus elsker dem og har kjøpt dem med sit blod. Det er noget som setter sig fast i sindet. Men fremfor alt ver et eksempel selv. Den allerførste bok barnet leser er foreldrenes liv.

—G.

## GUGS VILJE ER ALLTID GOD

En ung kvinne hadde tapt sitt syn paa grunn av en svulst paa synsnerven. En operasjon hadde vist sig mislykket, men en fremragende kirurg mente at det kunde vise sig at et nytt forsøk vilde bringe et bedre resultat. Men først sa han til den blinde:

"Operasjonen er meget farlig. De har bare en chance blandt ti aa staa den over."

Hun smilte trygt.  
"Chansen ligger i Herrens haand, saa de kan overlates til ham."

"Men selv om svulsten kan fjernes, er sannsynligheten den at De ikke faar synet igjen. Troligvis faar De aldri se."

Hennes smil blev enda tryggere.

"Jo, jeg faar se om Gud vil."

"Men om Gud ikke vil, hvad da?"

"Saa er alt vel. Hr. doktor, Guds vilje er aldri haard,

— den er alltid god."

### "Vis mig saarene!"

En gammel legende forteller om en from eneboer paa hvis dør det blev banket sent en kveld. Da eneboeren aapnet, stod en mild utseende herre utenfor og bad om husly. "Hvem er du?" spurte eneboeren. "Jeg er Jesus, din Herre," svarte den fremmede med salvelse. Men røsten hørtes ikke ekte for den fromme mann. "I saa fall, vis mig saarene i hendene!" sa han. Da fjernet den annen sig i hast, — det var fristeren, ikke Frelseren.

Jen Gud regn fra det høie falle ned over de tørre marker. Vi faar se og opleve at himmelen er aapen over oss. Men vi ønsker aa se enda mer av Guds verk. La derfor Jesu ord i evangeliet faa lyse klart for oss til oppmuntring og styrke for troen: "Du skal faa se større ting enn dette!"

Amen.

## LIDT SJELESORG.

Spørsmål: Dette spørsmål om hvorledes jeg skal komme i samfund med Gud har jeg tenkt meget paa og lest meget om, men det er ikke mulig for mig at komme til noen riktig klarhet. Den største vanskelighet jeg har er, hvor meget jeg maa angre før jeg kan bli frelst. Jeg har hørt at den sande og levende tro virkes gjennom en syndig jammers følelse. Jeg maa sit at jeg ønsker gjerne at bli frelst og bli et sandt Guds barn, men naar jeg ikke har denne syndige jammers følelse, da er det vel haapløst for mig?

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Svar: Denne lengsel som du har etter at bli frelst, er Guds aands virkning i dit hjerte. Der staar, at han som har begyndt den gode gjerning i dig vil fuldføre den indtil Jesu Kristi dag.

Du sier, at du vil gjerne bli frelst og det menes at du vil gjerne faa tro at alle dine synder er forladte, saa du kan bli et lykkelig Guds barn. Det er altsaa synden, der gjør dig ulykkelig og du ønsker at komme bort fra den for at faa det godt. Du ser at synden er din største fiende. Du lenges etter at kunne si: Jeg er frelst, min synd er forladt. Jeg er et Guds barn.

I denne lengsel efter frelse er der for det første anger over dine synder. Denne anger er kanskje lidt anderledes end du har tenkt dig angeren. Du vilde ha en skrekkelig pine i samvittigheten saa at Gud skulde ha medlidenhet med dig og forlade dig alle dine synder. Nu kan du ikke faa dette til, og da synes du at der er lite haap om at Gud vil være saa naadig at han vil tilgi, naar du ikke kan fremvise slik anger.

Vor anger kan ikke paavirke Gud til at forlade synd. Angeren skal kun tjene til at vi faar trang til at bli frelst, og naar du har denne trang, da har du anger nok over dine synder. Den anger vi skulde ha hat over vore synder blev lagt paa Jesus, og han har angret for os. Han fik smake vor evige syndeanger slik at han sa: Min Gud, min Gud, hvorfor har du forladt mig? Esaias sier, at straffen blev lagt paa ham for at vi skulde ha fred. Nu holder du paa med at du maa angre saa meget at Gud skal ha medlidenhet med dig, men hvis at det skulde være tilfelde, da maatte du ta paa dig den straf der blev lagt paa Jesus, og da hadde han litt din straf uten nytte. Nei, du maa være saa taknemmelig for at angeren over dine synder blev utkjempet paa korset, saa du er fri. I din lengsel er der anger nok. Det er bare et godt merke paa at du er erlig for Gud, at du er misfornøiet med din anger.

Den gang jeg var i den samme stilling som du, at jeg ikke kunde faa til anger som jeg vilde, fik jeg se et lite vers der lød slik: Din anger da har naad sin hoid, naar du med den er misfornøid. Tenk at du kan bli frelst fra din synd uten at du kan gjøre saa meget at du angrer paa en skikkelig maate over dine synder. Du ser da, at du er ganske en fortapt synder, der intet har at bygge paa i dig selv. Ja, det er netop slike syndere Gud kan frelse.

Det neste spørsmål blir vel det om det er muligt at komme til troen, naar man ikke har noen anger at støtte sig til?

I den samme lengsel, hvor der findes anger, i den samme lengsel findes der ogsaa tro. Lengselen drar hen til Jesus. Det er slik Guds aand virker. Den peker hen til Guds lam, som bar verdens synd.

Han gav sit liv for at frelse dig fra dine synder. Han gjorde det fordi han elsket dig og hadde en inderlig lengsel efter at faa frelse dig, og nu kommer du og har en indre lengsel efter at møte ham. Tror du da at

## O, HVILKEN LYKKE!

Herren la sit ansigt lyse over dig og være dig naadig. 4 Mos. 6, 25.

Se, her er den troendes store forret.

Han er hverken feilfri eller syndfri, men han er med alle sine feil og alle sine synder inde under de gjennemborede hender.

Og det er det som gjør ham frimodig.

Det gjør ham frimodig overfor Gud, skjønt han baade vet og kjenner at han er uren baade utvendig og indvendig. Men han ser op til Frelserens naglemerkede hender og takker for at de dækker over al hans urenhet, og at han i Kristus eier alt det han behøver for at behage Gud.

De gjennemborede hender gjør ham frimodig ogsaa overfor hans egen samvittighet.

Hans redelige og ømme sjæl kjenner sig anklaget og dømt i stort og smaat dagen igjennem. Hjertet er tørt og tomt: ingen glæde i Gud, ingen sorg over synden, bønner er visen og vanemæssig, og Guds ord smaker ikke.

Hvor alt dette ængster og piner ham, indtil han paany faar øie paa de gjennemborede hender som er utbredt over ham. Der ser han igjen hvad der ligger i det guddommelige ord: "Han retfærdiggjør de ugudelige."

Og saa takker han litt mer ydmygt en før for at han ikke behøver at gjøre noget for at vinde Guds velbehag. De naglemerkede hender lægger dette velbehag som en fri gave over ham, dag og nat.

"Herren være dig naadig!" Slik lød velsignelsen i den gamle pakt. Og i den nye pakt lyder den saa meget fyldigere, fordi naaden nu er aabenbart i sin fylde. Og nu lyder Ordet til hver fattig synder, som i redelighet vender sig til Herren: "Min naade er dig nok."

Og med det ord i vort hjerte gaar vi idag frimodige ut til livets arbeide og livets strid.

Og naar Jesu venner gaar med suk og sorg over sig selv, over alle sine mangler og feil og forsyndelser, da bøier Herren sig ømt ned over dem og sier: 'Min forsaagte ven, hvorfor er du saa bedrøvet? Har du glemt mine gjennemborede hender? Min naade er dig nok.'

Ja, den er nok for os. Hver dag, ogsaa paa dødens dag.

O, hvilken lykke at dig tilhøre! Tak, tak at ogsaa jeg fik være med!

O. Hallesby. (For F. og Rik.)

## Naar er jeg dømmesyk?

Hvorledes kan jeg vite om jeg er dømmesyk eller ei? Kjennetegnet er dette: Naar du bare innrømmer at dømmesyken er en mulighet hos dig, sjelden en sannsynlighet og aldri en virkelighet, er du i høieste grad dømmesyk. Likeledes naar du visstnok villig vedgaar at dømmesyken er tilstede som en ond rot i hjertet, men ikke at den skyter synbar vekst i din tanke, dine ord og handlinger. Da har du sykdommen i høieste grad. For det er nettopp tegnet paa den verste dømmesyke at man lett kan stille diagnose for andre, men ikke for sig selv.

han kan støte dig ut og si at du maa faa til mer anger og mer tro før du kan bli frelst? Nei han staar med aapne arme for at ta imot dig. Vi vil saa gjerne ha noe at bygge paa i omvendelsen. Vi vil ikke bli aldeles hjelpeløse, men det er etter Guds ord og efter den almindelige erfaring, at et menneske blir frelst bare av naade uten noen gjerninger fra vor side.

S.J.N.—(Northwood Emisseren).



### From the General Convention.

"1. The church rejoices in the spirit of understanding and willingness with which the Centennial Appeal has been received in our congregations, and thanks God who has prompted so large a part of our people to respond generously to the Appeal."

"2. The church also takes cognizance of the fact that the work for the Centennial ingathering is not finished. Every member and friend of our church, young and old, rich and poor, and every organization within our congregations should be approached and invited and urged to have a part in the Centennial Thankoffering. Congregations in which the work of solicitation has not been completed, are urged to complete the work as soon as possible, and to allow no one to say that he has not been invited to participate."

"3. The church also desires to emphasize that every pledge should be considered a sacred promise to God and the church, and to urge that every pledge be paid in full by the beginning of the Centennial year."

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The above resolutions were unanimously adopted at the Fifteenth General Convention, June 9-14, 1942, — resolutions based upon the General President's message.

Let us make a supreme effort to carry out these resolutions and decisions by the church. NOW IS THE TIME!

At the end of the month of May Canada District Young People's Luther League has sent in for Youth for Christ Offerings \$210.85. this year. Has your local had a Luther League Day? —V.

### W. M. F. Twenty-fifth Anniversary Song

Five and twenty years have vanished  
Down the misty trail of time,  
Since a group of earnest women  
Met to plan a work sublime;  
Pledged to form a Federation  
Of the women of the church,  
Brought together by the union,  
Who for service were in search.

God has blessed the groups thus  
welded

Lo, the three became as one,  
Branched now in all directions,  
From the East to set of sun.  
And the work is going forward;  
Like an army in its might  
Stand we as a wall united  
'Gainst the church's threatened  
night.

To our own and heathen nations  
We have sent the printed Word  
Telling of the Lord's salvation  
Teaching those who had not heard.  
With the orphan, lost, and aged  
We have kept our pledged faith;  
Given shelter, succor, comfort,  
Sought their welfare, early, late.

Now may He who calmed the tempest  
With His mighty, "Peace, be still,"  
Hold His pierced hands above us,  
Give us grace to do His will;  
Then when life and work is ended  
And we stand before the throne,  
May we hear, in heavenly accents,  
"Faithful servants, welcome home."  
—Mrs. Edward Johnson.

### "INTEREST" IN MISSIONS

"I cannot get interested in Missions," exclaimed a petulant young lady.

"No dear," said her aunt, "You can hardly expect to. It is just like getting interest at a bank; you have to put in a little something first; and the more you put in—time or money or prayer—the more the interest grows. But something you must put in, or you will never have any interest."

### THE LOAD OF SIN

As an Indian evangelist was preaching, a flippant youth interrupted him, "You tell about the burden of sin. I feel none. How heavy is it? Eighty pounds? Ten pounds?"

The preacher answered, "Tell me, if you laid four hundred pounds weight on a corpse, would it feel the load?"

"No, because it's dead," replied the youth.

The preacher said, "That spirit, too, is dead which feels no load of sin."—Christian World.

## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Mrs. J. R. Lavik, Editor, — Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask.

Your W.M.F. editor, together with a few more representatives from the district, had the privilege of attending the General Convention of the Women's Missionary Federation, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 10, 11, and 12. This was the 25th Anniversary of the Federation, and due cognizance of this fact was taken throughout the very excellent and inspiring program. A large gathering of more than one thousand women were in attendance at the different sessions. From time to time we hope to bring to our readers some of the reports, talks, and addresses presented at the Convention.

—Editor.

### THE SILVER JUBILEE CONVENTION

Midnight of May 31—I was on my way! Happily I settled down in the crowded train and tried to catch some sleep. I had a whole week of circuit conventions and speaking appointments in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, ahead of me before going on to Minneapolis.

There had been the usual hub-dub in getting away: the distribution of the children amongst various long-suffering relatives and friends, the preparation of the home for a long seige of neglect, providing for the chores during our absence, and most important of all, the imposing array of papers necessary for our departure. We had letters of introduction, bank permits, passports and permits for crossing the border, and last but not least—had our fingerprints taken! We had to leave Canada without a cent of Canadian money on our persons necessitating the emptying of our purses into the lap of Miss Hovde, L.D.R. president, at the station in Winnipeg. Even after this precaution, my husband, to his consternation, found on arriving in Minneapolis the sum of a dollar and a half in an irresponsible trouser pocket!

I must confess that I felt rather panicky when I walked into the immense Curtis Hotel where reservations had been made for all members of the board, but I put on a bold front and tried to act as if it were an everyday affair for me — a farmer's wife — to register and live there in grandeur for a few days! And I felt decidedly strange when I walked into the Board meeting for the first time—late—thanks to missing a St. Paul streetcar. But Mrs. Holstad's kindly greeting and the friendly faces about me soon put me at ease. Almost immediately my thoughts were occupied with the distribution of the Life and In Memoriam Fund, and other matters of interest as well as importance.

My delightful roommate proved to be Mrs. Sihler of Wittenburg, Wis., and after she took me under her wing, I began to feel at home, indeed.

Thursday morning saw the opening of the Silver Jubilee Convention the most wonderful convention I am sure the W.M.F. has ever held.

Inspiring singing by the vast audience, inspiring messages by Rev. T.F. Gullixson in his opening sermon, Rev. John P. Milton in his Bible Study, and Dr. J. A. Aasgaard in his twenty-fifth anniversary address were only a few of the highlights of the convention.

Inspiring too were the early morning prayer periods, meeting in three groups. The business was inspiring too. A vast organization, such as the W.M.F. has come to be from humble beginnings, would have to be inspired in their business also. It is business for and about our women-business for our beloved church — business for missions — above all, "Business for Our King." That is when business becomes inspired and inspiring. The reports are not dull, not tiresome — they are alive. The passing of the proposed change in the constitution and subsequent discussions were, we pray, peacefully

settled.

Outstanding addresses were given by Dr. Marie Meyer who stressed Christian patriotism in every phase of life in her "Business, but not as Usual." Rev. Roy Olson grew serious about temperance in "The Church Goes by on the Other Side." N. M. Ylvisaker stirred the heart of every mother, sister, sweetheart or wife with "The Church's Ministry to its Service Men." The Rev. H. J. Glenn spoke on the serious situation of "Christian Education and the Present Crisis." Mrs. Byron Nelson gave a challenging review of "Everyman's Book."

Wednesday evening there were Historical Slides and moving pictures showing the growth of the W.M.F. and an informal reception in the church gymnasium.

Thursday noon we enjoyed the festive Anniversary Luncheon at the Nicollet Hotel, where Mrs. G. A. Sundby gave the main address, "The Lady With the Lamp." Also participating were first Board members and officers, first district presidents, first department secretaries, the pioneer missionary, Mrs. Netland, and the pioneer deaconess, Sister Caroline Williams.

Thursday evening's session was one of the most interesting. Then we were privileged to see a procession of our missionaries in native costume and hear a mission program. The main address "Missions Face the Storm" was given by Rev. Daniel Nelson. Musical numbers were given, in Chinese by a group of missionary children, in Malagasy by a trio of the Trygstad girls, in Zulu by Rev. and Mrs. Gronli, a solo in Chinese by little Halvor Ronning, and two lovely trios by missionaries' wives—the sisters. "Praise to the Lords" sung in 4 different languages brought the session to a close.

The only regret we have about the department conferences is that we were not able to attend all nine of them. The district presidents gave topics on the convention text, "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set" Prov. 22:28.

Special music by choruses, lovely flute, violin, vocal, and piano solos by outstanding artists, also ensembles, added much to the enjoyment of the convention. The wonderful Jubilee offering, amounting to over \$2 500, was given to Orphaned Missions. A special note of interest was provided when about 50 women rose to their feet in answer to a call for those who had attended the first W.M.F. convention, 25 years ago.

Friday evening the L.D.R. Mother's and Daughter's banquet was made richly impressive by the testimonies of over a dozen young women who were living the "Abundant Life" in various walks of life.

Besides the W.M.F. convention and Board meetings, there was an added amount of interest and inspiration in seeing the large crowds that attended the L.D.R. convention, the large main convention of the men, the early morning service at Old Muskego Church, the seventieth anniversary celebration of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and the ordination service at Central Lutheran on Sunday afternoon when several young men were dedicated to the ministry.

We appreciated visiting the W.M.F. office and meeting in person our efficient Clarice, also talking over the work with D. Bergsaker in his office.

It was a pleasure in itself to roam around in the Augsburg Publishing House where a good many of us would be tempted to quite cheerfully "go broke."

Brief precious visits with relatives and friends—a stop at Winnipeg to speak to the Ladies' Aids—we are on our way home again.

It has been an enriching and enlightening experience. May our personal tasks, our work for the W.M.F. and the church, all be made lighter according to our enlighten-

### "It Happened In My Time".

Mrs. J. R. Lavik

Since my term as president of the Women's Missionary Federation of the Canada District covered a period of four years, my account of what "happened in my time" will necessarily be relatively brief. I can do no more than merely touch upon the beginnings of federated activities in the district. However, beginnings are important because they lay the foundation for later growth and development.

As I think back over this early period, three events stand out clearly in my mind, and, around these as highlights, I shall try to group my remarks.

The first of these is the organizational meeting of the Women's Missionary Federation of the Canada District, held in Saskatoon, Sask., July 4, 1919.

Surely this was an event of far-reaching importance in any and every district! How important in the work of the women's societies, we have been learning during the years that have passed. And we shall continue to do so in the years that lie ahead, as the Lord guides and blesses our efforts.

At this organizational meeting the following staff of officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. R. Lavik; vice president, Mrs. O. Ellingson; recording secretary, Mrs. S. D. Brun; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. G. Fatland; treasurer, Mrs. O. J. Govig; and members-at-large, Mesdames Knardahl, Wagnild, and Sandager. The department secretaries were later appointed. Thus the district organization began functioning.

The second event referred to, was the next district convention, held in a large tent, erected for that purpose, near the Green Valley Church, Broderick, Saskatchewan, in July, 1921. It was a large, interested and enthusiastic gathering. At this meeting seven of the district circuits were reported organized. The credit for this achievement must be attributed largely to the loyal support and cooperation of the circuit pastors' wives, and to the many fine and devoted women of the circuits who were interested in the progress of the good cause. However, circumstances, as for instance, the great distances between the scattered congregations in every circuit, making well-nigh impossible representative gathering and close contact, made it necessary to reorganize some of these circuits at later dates.

The third highlight indicated was the district convention held in Moose Jaw, Sask., June 2-3, 1923. Reports to this convention showed that as usual, the women's societies had been busy in behalf of the work of the church both at home and abroad. A sum of more than two thousand dollars had been collected for the Bethany Sunset Home, located at Bawlf, Alberta. A growing appreciation of the value of being a part of a large federated organization was also in evidence.

At this convention a fine program, climaxed by an evening mass meeting, was presented to a large and appreciative audience.

As my family and I were returning to the States, my resignation was tendered at this time, and the duties of district president assumed by my successor, Mrs. S. D. Brun, under whose faithful and efficient leadership the Canada W.M.F. continued its growth and development.

And here ends my story of those early days.

Talk given at 25th Anniversary Luncheon, Minneapolis, Minn., June 11th 1942.

ment and our faith.

Our thanks in Canada to Mrs. Holstad, the retiring president, who has with such sympathy and understanding given of her time and help to further the work amongst us.

Mrs. Geo. Hendrickson,  
District President, Canada.